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This issue of the *alumnus* is focused on the dedication of Taylor University Fort Wayne faculty, to their Lord, to their calling, to their students, in and out of the classroom. Pictured above are Fort Wayne teaching faculty. First row (l to r): Dr. Laura Gerig, Ms. Sonja Strahm, Mr. Arlan Birkey, Dr. Pam Jordan, Ms. Michelle Mallett, Dr. John Schutt, Dr. Bruce Pratt, Dr. Wes Gerig. Second row (l to r): Dr. Steve Smith, Mr. Tony Opliger, Dr. Marc Headrick, Dr. Dave Biberstein, Mr. Leon Amstutz, Dr. Dennis Hensley. Back row (l to r): Dr. Ken Johnson, Mr. Paul Beach, Dr. Michael Cook, Dr. Doug Barcalow, Dr. Jay Platte, Mr. Quinn White, Dr. Roger Ringenberg, Dr. James Saddington. Not pictured: Mrs. Suze Fair, Miss Rachel Kellogg, Mrs. Rebecca Shearer, Mrs. Heather St. Peters, Mr. Evan Wood.

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A Season of Change

Nancy and I are Midwest natives and as a result have always enjoyed the changing of the seasons. The Scriptures are full of analogies and metaphors celebrating God's creation calendar. There are lessons to be learned, opportunities to be embraced and obligations to fulfill as life's journey unfolds. Our God is the Heavenly Father who delights in equipping His children to serve Him at each stage of life so that His purposes can be realized upon the earth.

As Nancy and I start a new season in our calling it is difficult to leave behind the places and experiences that now mean so much to us. There are so many "ebenezers" as we reflect on our years here at Taylor. God has accomplished so much among us in keeping with His exceedingly abundant promise in Ephesians 3:20 - my anchor verse for our time in this special place. It will be most difficult to separate from so many of you who have influenced our lives deeply, encouraging and challenging us to new levels of commitment and calling. However, the opportunity to devote the capstone years of my career to equipping the next generation of emerging Christian leaders to change their world is a compelling and persistent vision we must fulfill. From the Taylor University Board of Trustees, our devoted alumni and gifted faculty, to our dedicated staff and outstanding students who have touched us in ways that we could never fully express, we say thank you and thanks to our God for His work through you!

Like any transition process, there are details which need to be finalized. While the exact date of my departure is dependent upon the selection of my successor, please be assured that we are working with the Board to ensure a seamless transition. And, just as we are excited about God's new direction for our lives, we have a great sense of anticipation as the next season of God's plan for Taylor University's life transforming mission unfolds. By God's grace and your faithfulness we believe that Taylor is in a strong position to continue its history of worldwide impact for the kingdom of Jesus Christ. As you remain uncompromisingly Christ-centered and biblically anchored, Taylor will continue to be an important catalyst in God's plans for a world that desperately needs to both hear and experience the redemptive love of Jesus Christ .

May the Lord continue to do exceedingly abundantly above all that you could ask or even imagine in your calling to be a Christ-centered learning, living and serving community.

It was his desire to mentor the next generation of Christian leaders that led David Gyertson to the presidencies of three of the nation's leading Christian colleges – and now it's that desire that is taking him back to the classroom.

Gyertson, who arrived at Taylor in 2000, will complete his presidency on or sometime before December 31st, depending upon the results of the ongoing search for his successor. He announced his resignation in January – a move that cleared the way for him to become the Distinguished Professor of Leadership Formation and Renewal at the School of Leadership Studies at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia; an institution he co-founded in 1977.

"We are really going to be sorry to leave Taylor because it has been a great experience and a great privilege. But the reality is that we are being called back to what we felt our original call is," Gyertson said. "The vision to be equipping the emerging world leaders for the Christian faith has been deep in my spirit for 30 years. We want to finish well (at Taylor); but as I get some time to reflect, I am filled with great thanksgiving to the Lord."

While contemplating his years at Taylor, Gyertson noted the strength of the Upland academic and community life programs as well as the urban location and diversity of the student body on Taylor's Fort Wayne campus. But ultimately, it was the community he found here that made the most lasting impression.

"A thing that is common to both campuses that I'm going to remember is the passion for excellence in both academic and interpersonal relationships, and this is worked out through serving one another during times of need," he said. "I think Taylor is at its best when it's in a time of crisis; where people need to be personally supported and assisted. I would say that Taylor probably does this crisis-intervention and bearing-one-another's-burdens thing better than I've seen most other places."

Gyertson himself was a pastor of sorts to the Taylor community, often sending e-mail messages of praise to faculty and staff, as well as calling upon members of the Taylor community during illnesses or other times of crisis.

"One of the great remembrances that I'll take away is that Taylor is a fairly diverse culture in terms of opinions, theological positions and world views; with all of them anchored in Christ," he said. "Those differences have not caused us to separate from one another but to work together. Often that is called the irenic spirit and I think that Taylor is one of the true examples of irenic spirit."

"While he can and has made the tough decisions, his tender pastor's heart, constancy in prayer, and obedience to God's leading has had lasting impact on my life," said Harold Hazen, vice president for University Advancement. "I have learned much under his mentoring style of leadership."

"If I would talk about any accomplishment, I would hope it would be that I helped Taylor define its vision, its mission and its core values; and that we reinforced the importance of being centered in Christ and anchored to scripture. I continue to believe these are the very building blocks, the foundation stones, of what has kept Taylor in the center, I think, of God's will for 159 years," Gyertson stated.

"I wish that, on my watch, we had been able to complete the vision and mission implementation for the Fort Wayne campus," he added. "I think that all of the things that are necessary for it to be productive and successful in terms of its mission, its vision, and its governance structures are in place. I think that the ability to resource that at levels that it's going to need is going to be very significant to its success, and that's true for the Upland campus as well."

"I have personally benefited greatly from Dr. Gyertson's wonderful gift for mentoring," said Hazen. "He has spoken often about this generation of students having such enormous potential to influence the world for Jesus Christ. He is gifted with 'leading edge' insight and ideas, so it is not surprising that God has chosen to use him on the leading edge of training the next generation of global Christians."

"I would hope it could honestly be said of me what was said of King David in Acts: that he served God's purposes while he was here and that there was no question about Nancy's and my desire to do what was right, because this has been a team thing," he said. "These jobs cannot be done without a team approach, first between the husband and wife, and then between the senior leadership team. One of the things that I will remember significantly is that the Lord has blessed me with a great team of people to work with at every level; it's been a wonderful experience."

Fulfilling the Great Commission

For nearly a half century, students who have walked the halls of the Fort Wayne campus have shared a similar experience: a Dr. Wes Gerig class.

With 47 years, "Dr. Wes" holds the record for longest faculty tenure the Fort Wayne campus, and he does not plan on quitting anytime soon.

Dr. Wes continues to teach after all these years because, "I can fulfill the Great Commission directly, here," he shares. He has had numerous offers to fill pastorates, but has not hesitated to turn them down; "I can affect more churches, pastors and missionaries through teaching." He explains, " I have a part in training Christian workers all over the world. Teaching provides me the opportunity to prepare pastors and missionaries who will in turn prepare congregations and souls. I can touch a multitude of people (lay people and pastors alike) in a variety of denominations, this way."

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After nearly 50 years of teaching biblical theology, Dr. Wes shares "the students are the same as they used to be . . . hungry [for God]," he adds, "[though] they may dress differently."

He knows his classes are rigorous, and he continues to use the same teaching methods he always has. He says, "I don't force on my students what I didn't like as a student (lack of structure). My students are going to be organized and know what is expected of them." He is encouraged to know that students are learning so much. "Many [students] share that their grades aren't reflective of what they've learned." Many more of his students are first generation Christians, whereas in the past more of them had a history of Christian lineage.

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Dr. Wes shares, "A liberal arts education is more than Christians teaching a certain subject; a liberal arts education provides Christian leaders an opportunity to integrate faith with subject matter. It provides a broader exposure and explains that God is revealed to us via nature (physical science), our conscience (psychology/social sciences), etc." He adds, "We need to remember that God revealed Himself to us more than just through the Bible."

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Being About the Lord's Business

Our Mission

Taylor University is an interdenominational evangelical Christian institution educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. As a Christian community of students, faculty, staff and administration committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Taylor University offers postsecondary liberal arts and professional education based upon the conviction that all truth has its source in God.

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Being About the Lord's Business

Seeing the impact his father had on his students, Evan Wood knew that teaching would be in his future.

Evan Wood spent eight years in the marketplace prior to coming to Taylor Fort Wayne. What he enjoyed most about business, he says, was the human interaction. "Business brings people together," he reflects. A problem solver by design, Evan shares a secondary love for business, "Business afforded me the opportunity to analyze and restructure problems."

His responsibilities included training, motivating and developing staff, from entry-level to executive personnel. Instructing a wide range of material shaped how Evan taught: "I found the best way to teach was to understand the information from the perspective of the individual."

It was those years spent in business that confirmed teaching was the right "fit" for Evan. Seeing firsthand the effects of poor preparation of college graduates entering the workforce, Evan also knew "where I wanted to be was preparing students for industry."

Evan reflects, "First, God called me into the study of management and marketing. Next, God called me to teach college students. Now, God has led me to Taylor University Fort Wayne."

"At first, I was hesitant about the small campus size – then I came to visit. I was impressed with the facilities, but was even more impressed with the students, faculty and staff. What caught my attention was everyone's passion to excel at God's calling in his/her life."

"Taylor Fort Wayne's 'smallness' allows me the opportunity to really get to know my students and colleagues. That kind of interaction would not be possible at a larger school with larger classes. I believe a small student-teacher ratio benefits both the students and faculty."

"The city of Fort Wayne is a great city for TUFW. Students are afforded all the opportunities of bigger cities. As a business professor, the number of companies and organizations available to provide students with hands-on learning opportunities is important to my teaching. Both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations are willing to work with our students.."

Evan's undergraduate work was completed at Cedarville. "I am thankful for the biblical foundation on which my education was based. That foundation proved vital during my years in industry. I believe that I would have been ill-prepared to face the ethical and moral challenges faced in business without that foundation. At TUFW, I have the opportunity to be a part of providing students with an education based on that same foundation."

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Dedicated Faculty

Fort Wayne campus teaching and nonteaching faculty have long had a reputation for their dedication to students both in and out of the classroom. The following highlights a mere handful of thoughts regarding students' appreciation for faculty dedication

I met Dr. Biberstein before coming to Taylor University in the late 1970's when he filled in for our pastor. Since coming to Taylor, I have found him to be a "father" figure as well as a man having "God's Heart." Dr. Biberstein has become a close friend, role model and a positive leader in my life. I believe him to be a man of character who has dedicated his life to changing the lives of others.

Michael Fulk

During the past three years, I've come to know Pastor Biberstein as more than a professor, but actually as a friend. I know that I could share any problem, worry, or victory with him.... I'm assured that God sent him into my life to aide my spiritual maturity.

Richard Harris

God called me to missionary work. My dad didn't want me leaving the country; he didn't want to lose his daughter. One weekend he came to Taylor to visit. Dr. Biberstein took the time to meet with him and afterwards not only did my dad give me his approval, he also told me he was proud of me for following God's calling on my life!

Jennifer Omerso

Dr. Biberstein is a Pastor/Teacher in every sense of the "Word." His kindness and generosity are legend on campus!

Karen Gunder

I have known Dick Baxter (pictured left) for nearly 10 years. The one thing that jumps out at me more then anything is the heart he has for the students.

I remember the fall of my sophomore year at Taylor, we were on a leadership retreat before the semester started and I was really struggling with my life. "Why was I at Taylor? What Major?" Etc! Dick and I sat by the campfire for a few hours...he mainly listened, but threw bits of wisdom my way.

In January of 2000, Dick asked me if I would like to go to Jamaica with him and another student. Up until then I really laughed at the Taylor trips to Jamaica. I thought they were an excuse to simply go to a warm climate. On the first trip I saw the love he has for the people of Jamaica. Like so many others have said before me, and those who will continue to say, "Thanks for sharing your love for Jamaica with me!" Since then I have returned to Jamaica 12 times. The lives changed (both Jamaicans and Taylor students) because of this ministry is almost mind boggling.

He has shown me the importance of a relationship over a job. As a task-oriented person, I tend to be concerned about the "job," but he has shown me that the person is what is important.

Dick has a way of touching students' lives. He spends countless hours ministering to students, knowing that maturity is a process. He is something different to everyone: teacher, mentor, liaison, ear to talk to, shoulder to cry on, brother in Christ, father figure, friend!

John Engler

During my four years at Taylor University as a public relations major, special bonds were formed with faculty. Seeing that more time was spent with professors than with family, the interaction became both scholarly as well as friendship based. My advisor, Heather St. Peters (pictured this page, at left), guided me through the internship program as a student and I now ask her first for public relations student interns. When I was employed with the Red Cross, Heather came through on several occasions, sending students our way for internship needs. I have found that TUFW has the best internship program in Fort Wayne, having been through it and now having dealt with students from other schools. TUFW students have shown to be the most prepared both personally and professionally, in terms of work ethic and reliability, as well. Now, employed with the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, I look forward to further collaborations with TUFW. Dr. Hensley (pictured right) and I have maintained a business relationship as well as a friendship. He is always willing to take time out of his busy schedule to help me in my current graduate studies. These and the other public relations professors who saw me along the educational process have been great encouragement for me both personally and professionally.

James Rediger

Most of my public relations professors were not just teachers, but friends and counselors when I needed them. I could tell this was more than a job and that they believed in what they were doing. To them, teaching was more than presenting facts, it was about investing time, energy and love into their students. The professors cared about us beyond the classroom. They wanted to give us tools to be successful in life.

My public relations classes provided project opportunities with real-life clients. When Mark Vermilion, chair of the department at the time, suggested pursuing an internship at Parkview Hospital, I felt prepared for the daunting task. The position turned into a full-time job, after I graduated in January 2000. I returned to my home state of Oregon in 2004 and continue to serve in hospital public relations at St. Charles Medical Center's two campuses in Bend and Redmond, Oregon, where I serve as the marketing and community relations coordinator.

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Faculty and Student Honors and Accomplishments

Dr. Doug Barcalow, professor of Christian education, and Dr. Pam Jordan, professor of English, have been appointed associate deans for Taylor University Fort Wayne, assisting Dr. Ronald Sloan, associate vice president of academic affairs. Barcalow will serve as Executive Director of the Summer Youth Consortium this summer, funded by the Foellinger Foundation. He is also scheduled to be Family Camp speaker at TimberLee Christian Center this summer in East Troy, WI.

Dr. David Biberstein, professor of pastoral ministries, taught and preached in the Grace Missionary Church of Kingston and the First Missionary Church of Kingston while he served Jamaica Theological Seminary in January.

Sam Bright, senior, attended *Inside Washington*, January 17-28. Sponsored by The Washington Center, *Inside* is a special academic seminar focusing on the presidential inauguration and the next presidential administration. Sam is majoring in management, a degree he will complete in three years with a 4.0 GPA.

Since January, Dr. Wes Gerig, professor of Bible, has been filling pulpits of Broadway Christian Church, First Christian Church and First Missionary Church, and teaching the book of Acts in the adult Sunday School class at Westview Alliance.

Dr. Ken Johnson, professor of music, arranged and produced the songs on a CD, entitled, *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*. Dr. Jay Platte g69, professor of music/director community school of the arts and Deb (Lehman) Shaw g80, faculty assistant for community school of the arts/music department secretary, contributed to the project. Jerroll Lehman, adjunct professor, music department, is the producer and engineer.

Dr. Pam Jordan, professor of English, presented a paper "George MacDonald's Unpublished Annotated Manuscript of Shakespeare's Hamlet" at the C. S. Lewis and the Inklings Conference at Oral Roberts University, April 1-2.

Jennifer Manth, director, transition to teaching program, and Sonja Strahm, assistant professor/director of the academic center for enrichment, attended TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) conference in San Antonio, TX, at the end of March.

Dr. Bruce Pratt, associate professor of physical education and human performance, attended AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance) 2005-The National Convention and Expo in Chicago, April 13-16.

Dr. John Schutt, associate professor for environmental science, is authoring Fox Island County Park almanac. His project was featured in the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*, in the March 30 issue.

Sonja Strahm, assistant professor/director of the academic center for enrichment, serves as vice president of the National Association for Developmental Education (NADE). In her role as vice president of NADE, she has attended conferences in Tennessee, Texas, Indiana and Nevada this past fall.

Evan Wood, assistant professor of business, attended Northwestern's Annual Marketing Conference in January. He is also developing a strategic marketing plan for Cox Moulding Inc.

Back Row, left to right: Dr. Chris Bennett, Dr. Leon Adkison, Grace Guedet, Mervin Charles, Amy Brown, Tod Lemons, Dr. Larry Rottmeyer. Middle Row, left to right: Chad Heathco, Mark Turner, Vivian Rothe, Nancy Segel, Tyler Kitt, Nancy Johnson, MBA program assistant. Front Row, left to right: Susan Knoche, Amy Self, Michael Rivera, Tondra Call, Jane Avery.

Fourteen Graduate with MBA Degrees

Fourteen men and women received master's degrees from Taylor's MBA program in December. These first graduates of the MBA program are prepared to effectively model servant leadership, oversee critical business functions, develop sustainable growth strategies and demonstrate decision-making and management skills.

Many professors come from around the country to instruct in the MBA program and have earned business doctorates from such institutions as Indiana University, Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Christian University and the University of Arkansas.

Admission for the next MBA class, which begins in August 2005, is in progress. For more information or to enroll, contact Nancy Johnson at 260.744.8995, toll-free 866.471.6062 or via e-mail at mba@tayloru.edu or visit the MBA website at http://fw.taylor.edu/mba.

The Taylor University MBA program will relocate its offices and classes to the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center this July. The Innovation Center helps business entrepreneurs create and develop new firms in a wide variety of business sectors, including advanced manufacturing, biomedical and information technology industries.

The Innovation Center serves as a learning lab for the MBA Program by offering a wide range of class projects and directed study assignments for Taylor's graduate business students.

Business and community seminars sponsored by the MBA Program and hosted on campus are planned for the future. Graduate business students will continue to utilize TUFW facilities for research and selected residency sessions.

Author brings voices together

Neil Anderson, founder of Freedom in Christ Ministries, spends a week at Taylor University Fort Wayne.

Dr. Neil T. Anderson, author of 40 books including "Victory Over the Darkness" and "The Bondage Breaker" series, uses his books and conferences he conducts around the world to help readers understand how to overcome problems like depression, doubt, negative self-image and addictions.

"You're probably looking at the only guy in America who has written books with doctors, counselors, theologians and missiologists," said Anderson, who recently spoke at Taylor University Fort Wayne. "I try to bring all of their thoughts together with mine as a pastor to present a holistic Christian message."

The difference between Anderson's approach and that of other authors is that he believes that, rather than taking a "self-help" approach, people should depend on Christ to solve their problems.

"My great desire is to show people how Christ is the answer for their problems and how He can set them free," Anderson said.

Raised on a Minnesota farm, Anderson served four years in the Navy after high school. Then he earned a degree in electrical engineering and worked as an aerospace engineer on the Apollo lunar landing project.

Anderson believed he had it all: a wife, family, good job. He attended church regularly and considered himself religious. Then Anderson attended a Campus Crusade for Christ meeting that changed his whole world.

When he was asked to share his faith in Christ, he realized he didn't have any. He decided to accept Christ as his Savior. Soon, he quit his job as an engineer and enrolled in theological seminary.

"It isn't that I was running away from engineering, as much as I was running toward something," he said.

That something was a desire to learn more about God. After seminary, Anderson felt called by God to be a pastor. Eight years later, he felt God calling him to teach at Talbot University.

That lasted for a decade. Then in 1989, Anderson again felt God calling him to start Freedom in Christ Ministries. He went full-time with the ministry in 1992.

Little more than a decade later, FICM has offices in England, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Ivory Coast and South Africa. When he isn't traveling to these locales, Anderson teaches doctor of ministry classes at seminaries and leads FICM conferences around the world.

Anderson attributes his success with writing popular books and developing his ministry with asking the right questions.

"Every book I've written was to answer a question. 'What do I tell people to do about anxiety? What about depression, fear, marriage, leadership?' We've covered the gamut of felt needs people have and showed how Christ can bring resolution."

His next book, a devotional called "Daily Discipler," will help people understand what it means to be rooted, growing, living and overcoming in Christ. It is due this spring from Regal Books.

He has also been researching problems of teens across the country. When the material is gathered, he plans to write a book for parents to help troubled teens. No matter what the subject, Anderson believes his varied life experiences have helped him as an author.

"People ask me how long it took to write a certain book. I tell them it took 62 years. Almost all of my books came out of my own life experiences, whereas I only have 25 years of formal education."

Anderson shared openly about his wife's problem with depression in his books.

"I didn't know for 15 months if she was going to live or die," he said. "Literally, we lost everything we had." However, instead of reeling from dispair and bitterness, Anderson founded Freedom in Christ.

"Even though it was a broken experience, it didn't break me," he said. "It made me."

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Myric McBain, TUFW, and Abby Butler, TUU, elementary education seniors, talk with the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers while visiting Washington D.C. in January.

Capstone

A culmination of the core classes taken in their major during January of their senior year, students participate in senior seminar - capstone. During which, many seniors take trips.

Elementary education majors headed to Washington D.C. The locale has become an annual January excursion, as local elementary students in grades 5, 8 and 12 take trips to the capitol. "We wanted to provide Taylor students with a field trip experience that they may likely take their future students on," shares Quinn White, associate professor of elementary education. The group visited sites from the White House and U.S. Capitol to the Holocaust, Viet Nam, Lincoln, Jefferson and WWII Memorials.

Unique opportunities arose this year at Arlington National Cemetery and the group attended the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

Myric McBain, a Taylor Fort Wayne student who served for a year-and-a-half in Afghanistan, and Abby Butler, a Taylor Upland student and friend of Corporal Lance Thompson, who was killed in Iraq in November, were chosen to place the wreath at the Tomb.

"I felt the whole time as though those [who were] interred there were watching me to see if the life I've lived met the standards that they had set … by their sacrifices," said McBain. "Although I still feel that my service in no way approached [theirs], the acceptance I found with this group of students helped to alleviate the uneasiness I felt in being there."

"Seeing history-of-the-past, as they visited the memorials, and experiencing history-in-the-making, at the inauguration, provided many students a new perspective to teaching," reflects Quinn. Rachel Kinney, senior, shares "It would be incredible to take some of my future classes...to D.C." Erica Stratton, senior, adds,"I will be sure to pass on the knowledge and lessons I have learned to my future students."

DEDICATED "TO ACT JUSTLY" (Micah 6 :8)

Daniel Webster said that "justice is the great interest of man on earth. It is an abiding interest and an enduring value because of our need to preserve social order and control in society without sacrificing individual liberties and rights." Taylor Fort Wayne's Justice Studies program offers innovative and unique concentrations to support those who are interested in justice careers: Criminal Justice (Policing, Probation and Corrections), Law and Justice (Pre-Law), and Justice Ministry (Chaplaincy).

Seniors in the justice and ministry program are highlighted below.

Recent graduates and their commitment to fulfilling Micah 6:8 are: Erin (Mix) Downs g03 is pursuing an M.A. and J.D. in Public Policy at Ohio State University Law School. She will clerk for an Ohio Supreme Court Justice this summer. She hopes to write legislation and formulate public policy. Brant Mendenhall g03 works with mentally ill adults in northern Indiana. Evan Boggs g04 was the Outstanding Student completing the Indiana State Police Academy School in February 2005. Evan is an officer with the Elkhart County Police Department. Nathanael Martin g04 was the runner-up for the Outstanding Student completing the Indiana State Police Academy School in February 2005. Nathanael seeks a law enforcement position with a local agency in northern Indiana.

Back row (left to right): Jenny Neilson has been accepted into the Taylor MBA Program and will attend law school after receiving her MBA. Adam Turner has been accepted into the Regent University Law School. Patrick Jessup plans to attend Law School. Aaron Stucky has been accepted into the Indiana University Bloomington Law School. Kristie MacDonald applied for a position with Youth Services Center, Allen County. Front row (left to right): Ginga Elbel plans to serve in a translator's position with a federal agency. Kylee Shirey has been accepted into the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Law School. Tresa Yates seeks a position as chaplain in a Fort Wayne agency. Seniors not pictured: Tommy Boggs plans to work in corrections, Katherine Kelpin plans to attend graduate school at William and Mary or Regent Law School. Not pictured: Charles Marseilles plans to work as a corrections chaplain.

Front row (l to r): Rachel Foster, Ginger Robbins, Joanie Muhlenkamp, Cyndi Lee, Rebecca Young. Back row (l to r): Sarita Rubrake g92, assistant coach, Sarah Hodgin, Jessica Warriner, Becca Elieott, Kelly Robbins, Lizzi Garassi, Bonnie Bonelli, coach.

Women's Basketball

A new season, a new start, and a new head coach—the 2004-2005 Taylor Fort Wayne Lady Falcons Basketball team wiped last season's slate clean.

After losing two seniors and leading scorers—Katie Broecker and Amy Edmonds—from the 2003-2004 season, the Lady Falcons had to rebuild their line-up as well as replace their head coach (filled by Bonnie Bonelli). The start of the season seemed grim when fans sat through a few painful losses in the St. Francis Tournament. However, things turned around when the team realized they needed to depend on each other instead of just one player.

"In the past two years, we just looked to one person to lead us on the court. This year is different. We have learned to rely on each other. We have learned that we cannot play the game on our own. We need each other, and every single player contributes," senior Ginger Robbins comments on her reconstructed team. And it really did show. The ladies finished their season traveling to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, for the USCAA National Tournament, placing fifth and bringing home the consolation plaque. Their final record was 20-10, adding nine more wins to last season's record.

Some individuals finished their season with significant honors. Becca Eleiott received the USCAA All-American Award and was named to the National All-Tournament Team. Lizzi Garrassi and Jessica Warriner both received the USCAA Academic All-American Award.

The ladies' hearts were demonstrated by their growth as a team, as individuals and as followers of Christ.

Men's Basketball

The Taylor Fort Wayne men's basketball team finished their 2004-2005 season 15-17. The numbers, however, do not reveal the heart the men had for the game. The men began another season with more players than they ended with and yet continually impressed the community with their ability to win, or come extremely close, against what seemed to be the stronger team.

Four returning starters began the season, by second semester, the team was down to six players. Even though the roster became smaller, the players grew into a solid team. Senior, Patrick Jessup, and juniors, Kevin Woods and Isaac McClung, were key players who led in stats each game.

Patrick was named USCAA All-American and USCAA Academic All-American. He was also named to the All-Tournament team in the Circleville and the Indiana University South Bend Tournaments. He broke the school record for most three pointers made and is Taylor's third all-time leading scorer. Isaac McClung was a USCAA Player of the Week and was named to the USCAA second team All-American. Kevin Woods was tournament MVP of the Circleville Tournament and was the first to receive USCAA Player of the Week in the division. Kyle Waalen also won a USCAA Academic All-American Award.

The team finished eighth in the USCAA Division II, nationally. Because they finished one game under .500 they were not able to accept the invitation to the National Tournament.

The heartbreaker of the season was that the men lost seven games by four points or less and three games right at the buzzer. The very last game finished their season with a win against Division I Marygrove College.

Athlete Gets "Fresh Faith" Perspective

Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue University Football's 2005 record-setting wide receiver, and Taylor University's Center for Lifelong Learning student, donated an autographed jersey of his number to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Club, Fort Wayne, IN.

It's safe to say that no other student at Taylor University has ever been mobbed for autographs upon the successful completion of a class, but this was not just any student. He was Taylor Stubblefield; the record-setting wide receiver from the Purdue University football team, and the occasion was a reception hosted at Taylor University's Fort Wayne campus. Stubblefield took an online New Testament survey course through Taylor's Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL); the course allowed him to complete his degree in organizational leadership and supervision from Purdue's School of Technology.

"It was the last class I needed," Stubblefield said following the brief reception on Taylor's Fort Wayne campus which was attended by about 75 people who had him sign everything from football jerseys to action photos. "We could take an elective and when the opportunity came, [the class] looked exciting and I wanted to get in."

Stubblefield is one of nearly 1,600 students nationwide who take classes through Taylor's CLL to complete their college degrees. The virtual campus offers over 120 different courses ranging from history and philosophy to criminal justice and theology - all taught by Taylor full-time and adjunct faculty.

And, like Purdue, a number of other colleges and universities throughout the country including Clemson, Florida State and the University of Washington use the CLL to augment course offerings for their students.

Stubblefield, who juggled his schoolwork with appearances in the East-West Shrine Game and Senior Bowl, said he liked the freedom the CLL course gave him in setting his own pace. "It [was] a tremendous value for me. I could work at my own speed," he said, adding that he alternated between asking his professor for help and figuring out some of the tougher elements to the course for himself.

"Taylor is absolutely wonderful. He and I have become very good friends, and he is truly a gentleman," said Cheri Zelenka, operations manager at the CLL. "God is a very important part of his life. He is not only an exceptional athlete, but he is intelligent and well-spoken."

"He was very friendly and kind to the kids and adults who came to meet him," she added. "He is so down-to-earth and unchanged by all of the media attention he receives. He will be a very inspirational role model to many kids as he enters the NFL."

Stubblefield said he had enjoyed his experience with the CLL and felt the class had given his faith a new perspective.

"I liked [the class] a lot. It allowed me to more fully understand the Bible," he said. "The value of knowing what the Scriptures say; reading with purpose and applying it to your life; it's like the credit card commercial says, 'Priceless.'"

Called to Make Disciples

Richard Harris, nontraditional student
pastoral ministries major

At 58, Richard Harris is an unlikely college student but then again not much is "predictable" about Richard.

Richard had anything but a typical childhood. Tragedy struck when he was just 10 years old; he witnessed his mother's murder. Not able to deal with his pain and his fears, he masked his feelings by involving himself in athletics, music and church.

"At age 17, God called me to ministry. I wanted to help people but I didn't want to be a pastor; I'd seen too many 'phony' ones. (Only much later did I realize I had no excuse to accuse others of being phony. I discovered I had to be real myself. When I stepped out of myself, I saw fear... and all my pursuits were in effort to cover that up.)"

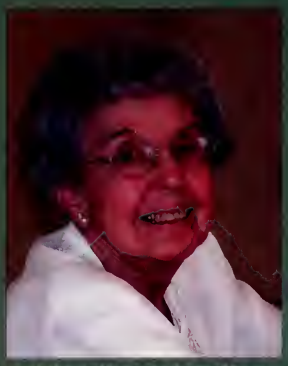
Richard enrolled at IU-Bloomington in the fall of 1966 to pursue medicine and play football. When his love for medicine faded, he pursued a singing career, went to Hollywood and ended up with a contract with Capital Records. The fame, money and "Hollywood lifestyle" was more than he could take, though. He returned to Indiana and did not sing for many years. "There was nothing to sing about," Richard reflects. "God puts that song in you to give to others; and I didn't have it."

For the next 30 years Richard worked in a variety of fields from engineering to owning his own business; he reflects, "I was living an empty life. I knew I hadn't fulfilled what God wanted me to do, I was just merely existing."

Then the Holy Spirit prompted him to go back to school. "I thought, 'I don't have the time or money to go back to school.'" But he could not resist the Spirit.

He enrolled at TUFW in 2001. "I felt too old to go back to school. I said, 'I can't do this.' The Lord let me know I was right, *I* can't, *He* can." His heart still aching to help others, Richard declared psychology as his major, but the Lord's plans would prevail. Richard ultimately declared pastoral ministries as his major as the Lord had directed him four decades before. "Pastoral ministries is the best way I could find to help people," Richard begins, "the Word is the best medicine."

While still currently a student with two more semesters before he graduates, Richard knows beyond a doubt that "this is where the Lord wants me to be. We've been commanded to teach the younger men. That's my calling, even from here (TUFW), to go out and make disciples. Graduates will not all be pastors, but they will be people changing their communities for Christ, changing the world's heart and mind. That is the whole reason for coming here…to go out (and change the world.)"



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WBCL's Talk Show Still a Favorite

The theme rolls, the microphones open and the Mid-Morning hosts are pumped and ready to go. Monday through Friday, Char Binkley, Lynne Ford and Maria Gardner (pictured below, l to r) host a fun and informative Mid-Morning program that challenges and inspires.

FOOD At the top of the fun list is the annual ice cream taste test that has listeners shamelessly begging to be one of the six chosen tasters.

BOOKS Listeners call to interact on the content of best-selling authors' books. A monthly favorite is when Gloria Gaither joins Char to discuss a book they've both read.

MOPS The monthly MOPS Monday tackles topics of interest to moms of preschoolers. Moms comprise the live studio; gift bags are part of the pampering these moms deserve!

TCW Today's Christian Woman magazine comes alive on Mid-Morning. Women featured in the magazine's current issue are guests, some of whom have included speaker and author Anne Graham Lotz, singer Kathy Trocolli, and Olympic diver Kimiko Soldati.

SOUL Soul Care is a new program featured monthly. Led by Mindy Caliguire, formerly involved in soul formation at Willow Creek Church, she guides an on-air group of six, directing listeners to reflect on an idea or question.

HEALTH A second new monthly program, "Getting Healthy in 2005," focuses on diet and exercise. Personal trainers and wellness professionals oversee three staff members as they weigh in and report their successes each month.

No two days are ever the same on Mid-Morning, but every day promises a listening opportunity filled with relevant and challenging experiences.

Alumni Director Follows His Calling

Nearly eight years ago, I was given the opportunity to return to Taylor University Fort Wayne, the campus where my dad and mom, Rev. Phil g74 and Fran h99 Mortensen, brought me in 1970. Accepting the offer has become one of the best decisions of my life -- no other role has been more fulfilling or rewarding.

Since June 2, 1997, millions of dollars have been raised by our team, alumni giving participation rates have increased, and new programs and buildings have been initiated and built. I have grown spiritually and professionally, and I will always be indebted to the University for this opportunity. Thank you Fort Wayne alumni for giving me, an Upland grad, an opportunity to be your alumni director.

With this in mind; however, I have prayerfully decided to pursue what I perceive as my calling. My wife, Christine, our five children and I are becoming missionaries. I have accepted an offer to become the volunteer services coordinator for World Partners USA, where I will promote, recruit and organize short-term projects internationally in order to expand the Kingdom.

The skills I have developed and the opportunities at Taylor University will give me a strong foundation in this new role. My family and I will always be grateful for these eight years. Our calling truly has taken shape here.

The search for your new alumni director is in my prayers. Exciting days are still ahead – keep praying, participating and promoting!

Blessings,

Michael

Michael D. Mortensen g91
Associate Director for Advancement

TUFW Receives South Side Award

The South Side Business Group (SSBG) of Fort Wayne presented Taylor University Fort Wayne with a Marvin Berger Award at an awards ceremony in late March. The award is named for Marvin Berger who was a founding board member of the group and served as treasurer until he passed away in 2004.

TUFW received the award in recognition for recent construction projects, the Eicher Student Commons and the Calvin H. English Library, which made a significant improvement to both the campus and the south side community.

Jim Tolbert, SSBG board member, shared, "The SSBG is grateful for the presence, the people, and the prosperity derived from the university's mission. Taylor University returning to Fort Wayne in 1992 stabilized the city's south side and has been improving the neighborhood continuously.

"The community also benefits from the people of Taylor Fort Wayne. The campus provides the local community with volunteers, interns, and graduates, which possess a high degree of character and integrity. These important qualities arise from the administration's emphasis on faith integration and spiritual formation. The Fort Wayne campus is a light and a beacon of hope to the challenges facing the urban community.

"Finally, the SSBG appreciates Taylor University Fort Wayne for the prosperity generated by its activities. Students, and the tuition dollars they represent, provide a net increase in the area's local economy. These dollars come from other regions, states, and countries in the form of spendable income. Federal and State financial aid comes here because the money follows the students here. In addition, local commuter students and non-traditional students keep money in the area by not leaving to seek elsewhere the kind of education provided at Taylor University Fort Wayne. This is important for the local economy."

Peter Eicher Society

Rev. Peter Eicher is often credited with saving Fort Wayne Bible Institute from possible bankruptcy during the economic crisis of the 1930's. His wise management, devoted self-giving and bargain-buying all combined to stabilize the institution during those years of emergency. He was affectionately called "Uncle Pete" by the entire college family.

Members of the Peter Eicher Society are faculty and staff who, in the same spirit of "Uncle Pete," sacrificially give of themselves in support of the Fort Wayne campus. Eighty-eight percent of full-time employees contribute to the Fort Wayne Fund, 85 percent of all employees contribute, providing students the training to reach a lost world for Christ.

Dedicated to the future

Gary Wilber has worked in a variety of places. When he attended college, however, he discovered what he had a passion for and how he could channel it into his work. Today, as superintendent of Troy Christian School, Gary helps students tap into their own strengths.

Gary started Troy Christian School 24 years ago when his oldest daughter was entering kindergarten. He and his wife, Carla, were looking for a school that provided the same educational values that they taught their children at home.

The school has shown impressive growth—increasing from 37 to 978 students. Carla Wilber eventually joined her husband and now works as the school's nurse.

Hoping students leave Troy Christian School with a better understanding of their spiritual strengths and talents, Carla says the school strives to instill four key qualities: respect, responsibility, gratitude and genuineness.

"Through the required Christian service we did as college students, I found out who I was and what my gifts and talents were," Gary explains. "It had such an impact that we now require this kind of service from the students in our school."

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A highlight in the busy pace of life in 2004 for Joy Gerig g52 was her involvement with the Christian Service Gospel Teams and Performing Groups Reunion, part of TUFW's Homecoming weekend activities. Over 200 attended the gathering; visiting, sharing, reminiscing, praying and singing together. Joy's email is jmgerig@juno.com.

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Marilyn (Hara) Pfeiffer fs58 and her husband, Edward, enjoy retirement in northern Michigan. They are active in the music ministry at Mancelona Missionary Church.

1960

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Julia (Yoder) Amstutz's g60 husband, Weldon, passed from this life to heaven on November 16, 2004. Julia's address is 1898 E 800 S, Geneva, IN 46740.

James Harburn g60 is a process control analyst for Cobb County Water System. He and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Dallas, GA. His email is jharburn@hotmail.com.

Kenneth Mays g60 performed the Grieg Piano Concerto with The Master's College orchestra on April 1. Also in April, he made a presentation to the Santa Clarita branch of the Music Teachers Association of California on Intermediate Piano Literature and Piano Techniques. Kenneth continues to teach at the Master's College part-time as head of the piano department.

David g60 and Betty (Donaghue) Stout g59 are retired. Betty retired from 30 years as a director of Christian Education, the last 12 at Ankeny First United Methodist Church. David completed 38 years as a minister in the Iowa Annual Conference; the last six as superintendent. In June of 2004, David agreed to a one-year interim appointment at First United Methodist in Des Moines where he previously served from 1972-1980.

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Rev. Max Amstutz g72 serves as chaplain for Port Huron Hospital and Marwood Nursing and Rehab Center. He and his wife, Lorraine (Grandlinard) fs72, have three daughters.

Martha Buss g72, who has been a missionary in several Spanish speaking nations, is currently teaching English to many Guatemalans who have immigrated to Ohio. Her email is mebuss@tusco.net.

Rev. Steven Zurcher g72 became district superintendent for the Missionary Church Hawaii district on March 1, 2005. He is also senior pastor at Nanaikapono Protestant Church. His email is zurchers001@hawaii.rr.com.

Sanford g73 and Gwendolyn (Schwartz) Hashimoto g72 have been C&MA missionaries to Brazil since 1979 and are on furlough until June 9. Their email is sanwendie@hotmail.com.

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Wayne Allen g75 spent the month of February in Keystone, South Dakota, training men from Africa and India in church planting skills. Wayne's email is waynewallen@hotmail.com.

Through Frontiers Missionary Organization, Debbie Greenawalt g75 will establish an English school in Southeast Asia. Debbie's email is Debbie.greenawalt@wciu.edu.

Ruth (Hollenberg) Reed fs75 is a special reading teacher in Pine City, MN. Her recently married daughter and son-in-law serve our country in Afghanistan. Her address is 711 Fair Oaks Dr, Mora, MN 55051.

1976

Rev. Edward Baird g76 is a licensed professional counselor and national certified counselor. He resides at 22 Fashion Pl, Durham, NC 27705; (919) 384-7862.

James Hughes fs76 is an engineer's assistant with Motorola. He and his wife, Kandyce, and family reside in Mesa, AZ. James' email is hughes13@cox.net.

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David and Shirley (Burr) Overmoyer g62 have returned to the USA after 40 years of service in Colombia, South America. Contact them at 301 Hamilton Rd, Lexington, NC 27295; dsovermoyer@yahoo.com.

1963

Art and Nancy (Johnson) Cash g63 were busy in 2004 with church speaking, attending conferences, writing their life story and doing eight prayer cruises.

1964

G. William g64 and Cecelia (McCrea) Ashley g64 retired from teaching eight years ago. Four years ago, Bill returned to teach part-time. Cecelia keeps busy with the church nursery and visiting family.

William, Jr. g64 and Janice (Slack) Hunter fs67 serve with Medical Ministry International (MMI), which provides spiritual and physical health care for 50 countries. MMI 500 is their vision to establish 500 permanent health care facilities to serve the world's needy by 2050. Bill is executive director. Janice is the general director of the Santana Center in the Dominican Republic. Contact them at wth.jr@mmint.org.

Contact Dr. Phillip Rice g64, professor emeritus – psychology at Minnesota State University – Moorhead., at ricep@mnstate.edu.

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1971

Rev. Phil Harris g71 and his wife, Bonnie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in January at First Christian Union Church where he has served as pastor for 28 years. Bonnie served as a preschool teacher for 25 years and is now retired. The Harrises have three daughters, a son and nine grandchildren.

Rev. Joseph Wenger g71 is superintendent for the Missionary Church East Central District. His wife, Dianna (Hager) fs70, works with the City of Piqua in the Office of Economic Development. Joseph's email is joebw@woh.rr.com.

1972

Rev. Max Amstutz g72 serves as chaplain for Port Huron Hospital and Marwood Nursing and Rehab Center. He and his wife, Lorraine (Grandlinard) fs72, have three daughters.

Martha Buss g72, who has been a missionary in several Spanish speaking nations, is currently teaching English to many Guatemalans who have immigrated to Ohio. Her email is mebuss@tusco.net.

Rev. Steven Zurcher g72 became district superintendent for the Missionary Church Hawaii district on March 1, 2005. He is also senior pastor at Nanaikapono Protestant Church. His email is zurchers001@hawaii.rr.com.

Sanford g73 and Gwendolyn (Schwartz) Hashimoto g72 have been C&MA missionaries to Brazil since 1979 and are on furlough until June 9. Their email is sanwendie@hotmail.com.

1975
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Wayne Allen g75 spent the month of February in Keystone, South Dakota, training men from Africa and India in church planting skills. Wayne's email is waynewallen@hotmail.com.

Through Frontiers Missionary Organization, Debbie Greenawalt g75 will establish an English school in Southeast Asia. Debbie's email is Debbie.greenawalt@wciu.edu.

Ruth (Hollenberg) Reed fs75 is a special reading teacher in Pine City, MN. Her recently married daughter and son-in-law serve our country in Afghanistan. Her address is 711 Fair Oaks Dr, Mora, MN 55051.

1976

Rev. Edward Baird g76 is a licensed professional counselor and national certified counselor. He resides at 22 Fashion Pl, Durham, NC 27705; (919) 384-7862.

James Hughes fs76 is an engineer's assistant with Motorola. He and his wife, Kandyce, and family reside in Mesa, AZ. James' email is hughes13@cox.net.

1977

Deb (Trusdle) Clinger g77 teaches preschool at Dakota Valley School, Aurora, CO.

1978

Barbara (Penn) Quiring g78 has lived in Ecuador for 25 years, 17 were spent serving at HCJB's Hospital Vozandes as a nurse. Her husband, Robert, teaches English and Bible at the Alliance Academy. They have two children, David (12) and Susan (8). Barbara is a children's leader for Bible Study Fellowship and is the "on call" nurse for the orphanage where half of the children (ages newborn to 11 years old) are handicapped. Email them at requiring@interactive.net.ec.

1979

Ruth (Lehman) Catron g79 teaches at Ontario Christian Elementary School. She received her master's degree degree in Education in Curriculum and Instruction in 2004. Ruth's email is ruthcatron@hotmail.com.

1980

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Curtis Collins g80 would appreciate your prayers. His wife passed away on December 23, 2004. You may contact him at 2726 Truxton Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301; (661) 327-4335.

On home assignment, Carol Findlay g80 has shared about the Korea ministry in churches and at a Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF) conference in Ontario. She is taking courses at Columbia Biblical Seminary, South Carolina.

Douglas Lightcap g80 and Melanie Wilkerson were married on July 10, 2004.

1981

John Gerig g81 teaches at St. Petersburg Christian University, is developing a Youth For Christ ministry and leads two band classes at International Christian School. His wife, Julie, is chairperson for the International Christian School and continues to administer the World Partners team in St. Petersburg. John and Julie's email is russiangerigs@aol.com.

Rev. Calvin Rychener g81 is senior pastor at Northwoods Community Church where they plan to expand planting of a multi-racial inner-city church. The email for Calvin and his wife, Susan (Patrick) g81, is cal.rychener@nwoods.org.

1982

Rev. Mark g82 and Kathy Mikel and daughters; Emily, Madeline and McKenna, request prayer for themselves and other family members as Mark and Kathy's second daughter passed from this life on August 21, 2004, after a car accident. Mark may be contacted at markmikel@juno.com.

1983

Jeff Pepple g83 and his wife, Holly, celebrated their 23rd anniversary January 2. They have three children: Thomas, Tonya and Tiffany. They have attended Harvester Missionary Church for 22 years. Contact them at 15317 Laurel Ridge Pl, Leo, IN 46765, jhpepple@hotmail.com.

1984

Randy Bishop fs84 recently left his position as pastor of worship arts at Millington Church of God, MI, to pursue missions. The Bishops traveled to Kenya and Tanzania to lead a pastors' retreat during Easter. Jennie (Boehm) g84 debuted her companion children's book to her bestseller, The Princess and the Kiss. The new book is called The Squire and the Scroll. Randy is orchestrating the musical score for live readings of her books on Family Life Radio. Email them at bcgworldwide@tds.net.

Dennis Collins g84 and his wife, Linda, are church planting missionaries to Ireland with World Partners. Email them at dltoddroad@aol.com.

Jeff g84 and Jean (Ayabe) Gerig g84 work in the East Central District office of the Missionary Church where Jeff continues to fill pulpits and serve on several boards. Email for Jeff is jeffg@woh.rr.com and for Jean is jeang@woh.rr.com.

1985

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Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84 continue their service to Taiwan through OMS International. Email them at dbettinger@omsinternational.org.

David Gruber g85 is senior pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Church in Peoria, IL, and is involved in *The Healthy Church Initiative*, a denominational ministry. His wife, Diane (Copeland) g83, is a teacher's aid with special needs preschoolers. She also serves on the Deaconess Board and on the Women's Ministry Board at church. Their email is soundman61@juno.com.

Lorie (Sonnentag) Vincent g85 is now a six-year cancer survivor. She and her husband, Mark g85, are owners of Design For Ministry, a financial stewardship consulting firm. Mark has written several books, most recently WThe Why's & How's of Money Leadership and Money Mania. He also serves as host on a newly released DVD, "Faithful & Wise: being a good steward". Their website is www.designforministry.com and Lorie's email is lorielv@designforministry.com.

1986

Teri (Beard) Hogg g86 was recently licensed with the Missionary Church as a minister. Contact Teri and her husband, Rev. Kenneth g85, at khogg1862@aol.com.

Scott Liechty g86 is employed at Dow Corning. He and his wife, Pam, and children, Steven, Kristen, Lauren and Megan reside in Michigan. Their email is psliechty@juno.com.

1987

Gayle (Nolte) Anderson fs87 is the daycare director at Southport Heights Christian Church in Indianapolis. Her email is jmgayle@aol.com.

1988

David Ratliff fs88 is information technology manager at Kitty Hawk Aircargo. His wife, Beth (Corazzi) g94, is case manager at Aging In-Home Services. Email them at davidratliff@verizon.net or bethratliff1428@msn.com.

Mike and Sherri (Harris) Ritter g88 have been accepted to serve as full time missionaries in Africa with Rafiki Foundation. Mike will teach at a teenage boys' vocational school and Sherri will teach at the elementary school. Their email is mike18andsherri@hotmail.com

Scott g88 and Susan (Kornhaus) Stombaugh with Meredith (10), Anna (9), Elliot (7), Laurel (6), Audrey (5), Will (3) and Seth (1) welcome into their home Kristen Elise born December 30, 2004. Their address is 4424 McMillen Park Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

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Jon and Brenda (Cochran) Hoard g90 announce the birth of their son, Harrison Andrew, born June 7, 2004. Contact them at 5586 County Rd 31, Auburn, IN 46706; refreshbr@yahoo.com.

Tom Schakat g90 is youth pastor at Spring Lake Missionary Church. He and his wife, Patricia (Owens) fs86, and sons, Ben (11) and Noah (9), reside in Manito, IL. His email is tschakat@juno.com.

1993

Adam g93 and Mary (Tenney) Henderson TUUg92, an daughter, Grace, welcome Joy Kaylin, born January 6. Their email is revadam@msn.com.

Michael and Wendy (Hay) Ingram g93, with son Samuel (3) and daughter Sarah (1), welcome Simon Matthew, born November 5, 2004. Michael serves as associate/youth pastor for Landmark Church. Contact them at 317 Ivey Chase Ln, Norcross, GA 30092; (770) 263-9907.

1994

Tom fs94 and Jessica (Hochstetler) Dettmer g03 were married July 17, 2004. TUFW participants in the wedding were Nicole Baksha g02, Angie (Sewell) Patterson fs02, Beth (Bongard) Campbell g03 and Katie Broecker g04. Jessica is a communication specialist with American Red Cross and Tom is a self-employed behavioral consultant and is working on his doctorate of psychology. Jessica's email is jessicahochstetler@yahoo.com.

1995

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Joe Boway g95 and Glendora Humphrey were married on April 17, 2004. He is employed by New Life Lutheran Church.

1996

Joy (Duncan) Bianchi g96 is a cardiovascular pharmaceutical representative for Abbott Laboratories. She and her husband, Scott, and daughter, Lucy, reside in Park Ridge, IL. Her email is joy.bianchi@abbott.com.

Jenny Eickhorst g96 works for Junior Achievement as their Enterprise Village manager in Chesterfield, MO. Her email is j.eickhorst@sbcglobal.net.

Mike and Valerie (Kaufman) Johnson g96 and Abigail Suzanna (3) announce the birth of Rebekah Lynn, born December 16, 2004.

Thomas Meadows g96 works at Pierre's Quickprint as a graphic designer. He and his wife, Victoria, announce a son, Samuel Edward, born July 15, 2004. Thomas' email is larryboy2798@sbcglobal.net.

1997

John and Josie (Koepper) Bailey g97 moved to Westfield, IN. John works at Delphi Automotive and Josie is a stay-at-home mom to Coleen (2).

Jeremy g97 and Michelle (Mendez) Short g97 and daughters, Charis and Elliana, announce the birth of Samuel Lowell, November 29. Jeremy will receive a master's degree in ministry from Moody Bible Institute in May. Their email is gracejs@mtco.com

1998

Shawn Hicks g98 works at Appleton Papers in Pennsylvania, as material preperation supervisor. His email is shawnhix2003@yahoo.com.

Kent g98 and Angie (Schumacher) Morton g99 and daughter Emily, welcome Grace Elizabeth, born April 4. Their address is 3702 Shady Ct, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Alicia (Owens) Osborne fs98 and her husband, Richard, reside in Atascadero, CA. They have three children, Victoria (7), Emma (4) and Caedmon (1). Their email is osbofam@charter.net.

1999

Kassie Dittmer g99 received her Juris Doctorate in 2003 from Duguesne University School of Law. She is an associate of Cilli & Perrotta, P.C. in New Castle, PA. Contact her at 411 B Whitestown Rd, Butler, PA 16001; duquesnelexis@hotmail.com.

Amy (Shaw) Franks g99 and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of Anna Kaye, born July 21, 2004. Their email is aksnak@yahoo.com.

David g99 and Natalie (Baughman) Whan g02 and daughter, Olivia, announce the birth of Ian Alexander, born on July 6, 2004. They have returned to Indiana for David to attend Concordia Seminary. Email David at whanjovi@yahoo.com; email Natalie at curlywhan@yahoo.com.

2000

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Kevin g00 and Shannon (Wells) Damesworth g00 welcome a son, Cameron Robert, born February 10. Contact them at (517) 333-0566; ksdamesworth@myibocs.com.

John g00 and Amy (Duplain) Eckrote g99, and son, Joshua, left for Bangkok, Thailand, in January for a five year term. John is associate pastor at the Evangelical Church of Bangkok. Amy is involved in children's ministry. Their address is 42 Soi 10 Sukhumvit Rd, Bangkok 10110, Thailand. Email them at amy@e-c-b.org to receive their newsletter.

Sean fs00 and Jana (Behrends) Guise fs99 welcome Eli Michael, born December 28, 2004. Daughter, Maree Noel was born November 6, 2002. Contact them at 4022 Tacoma Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807; sjg626@peoplepc.com.

Nathan Strunk g00 is completing a one-year program called British-American Methodist Programme where he is working as a pastor for the British Methodist church in England. His email is strunknathan@hotmail.com.

Erin (Yazel) Wagler g00 accepted the position as director of public relations at Bethel College in February. Email her at waglere@bethelcollege.edu.

Steve g00 and Amanda (Wilson) West g00 announce the birth of Elizabeth Jane, born January 2. Their email is jaunmanche@yahoo.com.

2001

Joshua Brady fs01 works for the Oshtemo Fire Department. His wife, Lauren (Dylhoff) g00, is considering graduate school. Their email is blondelmd@hotmail.com.

Joshua and Jennifer (Munns) Carnahan g01 and son, Caleb, announce a son, Luke, born October 3, 2003.

Peter and Bethany (Greydanus) Flitton g01 were married June 7, 2003. Peter is going though cancer treatment. They would appreciate your prayers. Email Bethany at bethgre@regent@edu.

Ryan McGee fs01 married Megan Hamelmann on November 20, 2004. Megan is a first grade teacher in the Pike Township school system and Ryan is part-time youth pastor at the Hazel Dell Christian Church. Email them at ryanthmcgee123@yahoo.com.

Greg Mengelt g01 is owner, editor and publisher of "Inside Game" a weekly high school sports newspaper serving 18 schools in southern Indiana. He and his wife, Susan (McLaughlin) g98, reside in Jeffersonville, IN. Email them at greg@itgweekly.com or susiemengelt@msn.com.

Jason and Jennifer (Short) Reel g01 were married on October 30, 2004. TUFW participants were Justin Nicolet g01, Melissa Shady g01 and Mindy (Smith) Turner g01. Mike Rice g93 and Jeremy Short g97 officiated. Jennifer is a pre-school teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Michigan.

Laura Tobens g01 is substitute teaching. She is considering service with Amazon Focus, a mission organization working in Belize, Bolivia, Brazil and Peru. Email her at ltobens@gmail.com.

2002

Anthony g02 and Virginia Irene Chapman were married December 18, 2004. Anthony is the youth director at Calvary Chapel of South Eastern Connecticut. Their email is littlejohnnyhugo@juno.com.

Tim g02 and Kola (Dhurata) Embry g02 announce the birth of Jaclyn Ariana, born January 18. Their address is 5943 Brighton Meadows Dr. Apt. B, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Jon Ferguson g02 and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of a son, Jacob Samuel, born October 19, 2004. Jon received his master's degree of divinity from Asbury Seminary in May 2004. He is pastor of student ministries at Grace United Methodist Church. Their email is fergusonj@thefamilygrace.com.

Ben g02 and Marci (Wilton) Gilliom g02 welcomed Micah Hudson, December 1, 2004. Their address is 3813 South Wayne Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Josephine Koelling g02 serves with the Salvation Army in an after school program. She received her master's degree degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2004 and is working on her Doctorate at The Institute for Worship Studies in Florida. Contact her at 2948 W Everett St Apt 2, Blue Island, IL 60406; (574) 370-5414; taylor4bethel@aol.com.

Nate g02 and Grace (Vanover) Patterson g04 were married July 10, 2004. TUFW participants were Josh Arthur g01, Nate Zechar g01, Ben Meekin g02, George Oprisko g02, Tracy Jurgens g04 and Melissa Miedema fs04. Nate is the youth pastor at Cross United Church of Christ. Contact them at 818 Harrison St, Berne, IN 46711; nathan_patterson713@hotmail.com and wgrace1202@hotmail.com.

Christopher g02 and Tara (Fording) Pelz g00 announce the birth of Corbin Tate, born July 27, 2004. Chris received his MBA in December 2003. Their email is tpelz@comcast.net.

David g02 and Melissa (Kuzdas) Rose g03 were married on November 6, 2004. David is a sergeant for the Indiana Department of Corrections. Melissa is a parent educator for Early Childhood Alliance. Email them at mellykone@aol.com.

Jonathan and Anne Marie (Holwerda) Warner g02 were married on February 28, 2004. She is an associate editor at McDougal Littell, the 6-12 grade textbook division of Houghton Mifflin. Her husband is a food scientist for a candy-consulting laboratory.

2003

Chase Corban, five-month-old son of Michael fs03 and Bethany (Weideman) Collins fs03, was received into the arms of Jesus on April 4. Contact Michael and Beth at 2895-H St. Louis Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46809; bethr828.aol.com.

Josh and Megan (Behrends) Gremaux g03 are parents of twin boys, Alexander William and Christopher Ryan, born January 21, 2005. She is a teacher at Cresent Avenue Childcare. Contact them at 1226 Vermont Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; (260) 387-3425.

Erica (Williams) Hanson g03 serves as the community relations writer and photographer for the Salvation Army in Roseville, MN. Her email is butterflygrl2336@hotmail.com.

Tauna Herrell fs03 serves as a grant coordinator for the State of Ohio, Department of Criminal Justice Services. Her email is tnherrell@yahoo.com.

Aaron g03 and Bobbie (Girod) Howley g02 announce a son, Owen Clark, born November 9, 2004. Aaron works at a real estate office with a kingdom-building focus. The Howleys are involved in a church plant ministry. Contact them at 1510 Memoli Ln C-2, Fort Myers, FL 33919; bleumonkeydoug als@hotmail.com.

Faith (Pinnick) Riddle g03 works as a Title 1 teacher's aide at Springs Valley Elementary School in French Lick, IN. Her husband, Justin, is an automotive technician at Jasper Engines & Transmissions. Email them at justfaith18@hotmail.com.

Robert (Matt) Thebarge fs03 is serving in the United States Army with the 1/508 Battalion of the 173 Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy. Contact him at mattthebarge1980@yahoo.com.

2004

Marsha Baker g04 married Tony Baird on January 1. Taylor participants were Abby Amstutz cs, Jamie Knuth cs and Jonathan Prather cs. Tony is pursing a degree in nursing at IPFW. He and Marsha are volunteers at Life Unlimited Youth Center. Their address is 6325 – 5 Nina Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

Evan Boggs g04 accepted the position of deputy sheriff in Elkhart County. His wife, Stephanie (Ramsey) g04, works with the Healthy Families Program at Lutheran Social Services. Their address is 22550 – 2B Breakwater Dr, Elkhart, IN 46516.

Michael Clancy fs04 works as a legal assistant for Gillespie & Associates. Contact him at mancyclancy@yahoo.com; (260) 437-9680.

Erik Current g04 is working on his MBA at Ball State University. Contact him at 15775 N CR 450 E, Eaton, IN 47338; fishy3737@aol.com

Richard Fortier g04 is senior pastor of Oakwood Christian Church. Contact him at 204 S Scott St, PO Box 606, Oakwood, IL 61858; (217) 354-4642; Richard.fortier@sbcglobal.net.

Aaron g04 and Stephanie (Morad) Hardman g04 wed on June 5, 2004.

Debbie Ridenour fs04 is teaching first and second grade at Cornerstone Christian School in Logansport, IN. Her email is debbielr@hotmail.com

Ben and Bethann (Darling) Spears g04 were married February 11.

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Allen cs and Megan (Hickman) Georgia fs04 were married on December 11, 2004. Taylor participants were Kathie (Haywood) Miranda and Daniel Peterson TUUcs. Dr. David Biberstein officiated. Their email is mc_Georgia@hotmail.com.

Rui cs and Kathie (Haywood) Miranda, director of residence life / associate dean of students welcomed Marta Vanessa, born January 18. Their email is ktmiranda@tayloru.edu.

Andrew cs and Amanda (Craft) Nichter II g04 were married July 24, 2004. Taylor participants were Elizabeth Manon g04, Adam Harbaugh cs and Adam Turner cs. Amanda works at Meijer in the systems department. Her email is pandypooh2@yahoo.com.

Jeff cs and Beth (Mittank) Yates g04 announce the birth of Isabella "Ella" Renee, born January 28. Jeff is youth and family pastor at Anthony Wayne Church of God. Their email is sojournyouth@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORY

Vera von Gunton g33 entered her eternal home on March 28. She was a retired Fort Wayne school teachers and church organist.

Elda Gerber g36 passed from this life to her heavenly home on October 23, 2004. She was an RN with Lutheran Hospital, retiring in 1973. She was a member of First Missionary Church. Survivors include five nieces and nephews.

Viola (Van Scoik) Daley g41 was received in her heavenly home on November 17, 2004. Her husband, Fred, preceded her in 1996. She was a member of Star Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Berlin, WI.

Rev. Gerard French g44 went to be with his Lord on March 17, 2004. He pastored at Brookside, Seneca, Zanesville, Markle and Fairfield churches. His wife, Madeline (Gilpin) French fs42, preceded him. Two sisters and six nieces survive him.

Marie (Dean) Warner g45 left this home for heaven on January 17. She retired from Foote Hospital and continued as a volunteer. She served as church secretary and was part of the music ministry for many years. She also volunteered in Jamaica, Sierre Leone, Haiti and Ecuador. Surviving are two sisters, four nieces and five great-nieces and nephews. A son and brother preceded her.

Rev. John Caddy g46 entered his eternal home with the Lord on September 26, 2004. He spent 58 years in active ministry for the Missionary Church. He pastored churches in Ohio, California and Oregon, and served as district superintendent of the Northwest district for nine years. He became associate pastor at Faith Community Church in Camas, Washington. His first wife, Betty (Beck) g46 preceded him in 1994. In 1996 he married Reba (Severn) who survives him.

Rev. Paul Rager g48 entered heaven on October 13, 2004. He served as pastor for many Christian Missionary Alliance and Missionary Churches. He also served as chaplain for the R.G. LeTourneau Plant in Longview, TX. His wife of 44 years, Eleanor, a son, three daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Elizabeth Mainhood g52 was received into heaven on February 6, 2005. She served in the Navigators ministry for 17 years. Elizabeth's focus was counseling, encouraging and teaching young women to grow in their walk with God, become disciples and become disciple makers.

Jeanette (Heins) Pitzer fs54 went to her heavenly home on January 26. She was a teacher's aide in the Fort Wayne Community School system, working with special education students. She was a member of Avalon Missionary Church. Surviving her are her husband, Joseph Pitzer g55, one son, one daughter, two sisters and five grandchildren. Joseph's address is 6614 Quail Ridge Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

William Koehnlein, Jr. g57 was received into his heavenly home on November 7, 2004. He was a photographer at Alpha Omega Productions, worked in various insurance firms and ultimately became a private investigator for PI attorneys. He met his wife, Aleta (Stricklin) g58, at Fort Wayne Bible College in an instrumental gospel team. His wife, three sons and one grandchild survive him. Aleta's address is 7523 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91303.

David Lang g57 went home to be with the Lord on September 27, 2004. After graduating from FWBC he taught school. He later became active in real estate development until his illness. His wife, Pat, resides in a health care facility in IL.

Zelda Pierson g58 entered heaven on February 19. She received her RN degree and in 1962 served with the Missionary Church as a nurse in Haiti until 1994. She obtained a degree as a physicians assistant and worked for health care agencies in Marion, IN, and Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic in Fort Wayne, IN.

Kathelene (Exebly) Beougher fs59 departed for heaven on May 26, 2004. She and her husband, George g59, pastored Mount Vernon Christian Fellowship for many years. Kathelene led worship and loved to play accordion while singing duets with her husband of almost 45 years. She was administrator of a small Christian school and led Bible studies in her home and nursing homes. She pioneered four after-school Bible clubs. George is the president for Joy Wagon, Inc. in Mt. Vernon, OH. His address is 197 Mansfield Ave, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050.

Forrest Hayes fs60 went to be with Jesus on September 13, 2004. Before retiring, he pastored Missionary churches in Iowa, Nebraska and Indiana for 18 years. He also had a Christian counseling business. His wife of almost 45 years, Mary Alice (Schumacher) fs59, survives him as does a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, a sister and two brothers. Mary

Alice's address is 309 Twin Oaks Dr. Middlebury, IN 46540.

Mary Ellen Gudeman g64 entered her heavenly home on January 3. She served as a missionary with the Evangelical Alliance Mission for 26 years. More recently, she ministered to international students and volunteered in a local refugee outreach in Fort Wayne. Three sisters and a brother survive her.

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Director of Alumni Relations-Taylor University Fort Wayne

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide directions and leadership (including budgetary responsibilities) for the alumni relations program. Initiate and coordinate events related to alumni relations including Homecoming Weekend, alumni gatherings/reunions, chapels and the Pastors' Golf Outing. Participate in the annual alumni Phonathon. Coordinate and schedule the Fort Wayne campus Alumni Council. Submit materials for the alumni magazine *alumnus*. Maintain and support the Fort Wayne Alumni website. Produce an Alumni Directory every three years. Plan and implement the Alumni awareness programs with current students. Attend and participate in Development fundraising events to support and encourage alumni to participate in giving. Travel 50 days per year, visiting alumni in order to prospect, cultivate and solicit dollars for the University. Promote the image and mission of Taylor University. Perform all other duties as directed by the Associate Vice President for Advancement.

APPLICATION

Inquiries should be addressed to Sherri Harter, Associate Vice President for Advancement, Taylor University Fort Wayne, 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807; shharter@tayloru.edu. All materials will remain confidential. Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

START DATE

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